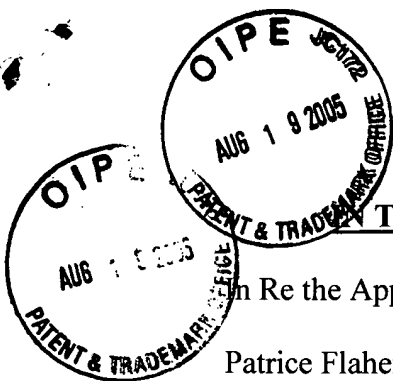


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For: Devices for Collecting Blood and Administering Medical Fluids

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 35 CFR 1.102(d)

Dear Sir:

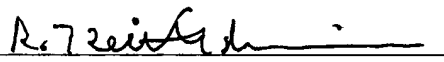
Applicant hereby requests that the above-identified patent application be advanced out of turn for examination on the grounds that the invention as claimed in the application contributes to the prevention of HIV/AIDS. The invention is directed to a device for collecting blood from and administering medical fluids to a patient. The invention provides a closed system for extracting blood from patients, and as such, prevents the extracted blood from coming into contact with a healthcare worker or other persons as the healthcare worker extracts the blood. Therefore, in the case of a patient infected with HIV/AIDS, virus-contaminated blood extracted from the patient is

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incapable of contacting the healthcare worker or others and infecting such persons during the extraction process.

A petition fee in the amount of \$130.00 is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.17(h). Applicant will make an election without traverse in the event that the Office determines that such election is a necessary prerequisite for special status.

Respectfully submitted,



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